

Application No.: 10/736,494**Docket No.: 2038-318****AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph on page 41, beginning at line 6 as follows:

In the napkin ~~[[41]]~~40, the nonwoven fabric layer 50 and the film layer 52 constituting the top- and backsheets 41, 42 and the core 43 are joined one to another by means of the plural adhesive lines 58 continuously extending in the longitudinal direction. Along each of these adhesive lines 58, the first zones 59 and the second zones 60 alternately extend so that the quantity of adhesives B2 is larger in the first zone 59 than in the second zone 60. The first zones 59 coated with the relatively large quantity of adhesives B2 allow the nonwoven fabric layer 50 and the film layer 52 to be reliably joined to each other and allow the core 43 to be reliably joined to the nonwoven fabric layer 50 and the film layer 12 without the anxiety that these layers 50, 52 and the core 43 might unintentionally peel off one from another. The adhesive lines 58 extend in a spiral or zigzag pattern so that the nonwoven fabric layer 50, the film layer 52 and the core 43 can be joined together with the adhesive strength which is substantially uniform in any one of the longitudinal direction and the transverse direction. Even if a peeling force is exerted on the napkin 40 in these two directions, there is no anxiety that the nonwoven fabric layer 50 and the film layer 52 might peel off from each other and the core 43 might peel off from the nonwoven fabric layer 50 and the film layer 52.

Abstract:

Please replace the current Abstract with the following replacement/new Abstract